



CONGAREE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

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Dr. Fran Wheeler
Director
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Dear Dr. Wheeler:

I would like to commend D.H.E.C. and the American Cancer Society for their involvement in Project ASSIST.

Smoking among young people, particularly young women, is on the increase. This population is not conscious of the long term consequences of the use of cigarettes. The Congaree Girl Scout Council supports the coalition effort to develop strategies to address this problem.

One of the four program emphases of the Girl Scout program is to help a girl develop values to guide her actions and to provide the foundations for sound decision making. We support educational efforts designed to help girls make educated decisions on issues that affect their lives. Programs which address the use and abuse of substances should include tobacco, although most programs do not. We are most interested in working with you to develop, promote, and deliver educational information on the long term effects of tobacco use.

We believe that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the American Cancer Society can provide the necessary leadership to administer a program supporting a coalition project with other interested agencies. We look forward to being a part of this important effort.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Wendy E. Mellenthin,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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